

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORK SESSION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BURLINGTON
May 14, 2007
6:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Burlington held a budget work session in the Council Chamber, Municipal Building, 425 South Lexington Avenue, Burlington, N. C., 27216-1358, on May 14, 2007, at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Stephen M. Ross presided

Councilmembers present: Mayor Ross, Councilmembers Jones, Huffman and Starling

Councilmembers absent: Wall

Harold Owen, City Manager, present

Robert M. Ward, City Attorney, present

Jondeen D. Terry, City Clerk, present

Other Staff Present: Administrative Services/Revenue Collections Director Frank Hope, Development/Technical Services Director Jim Lauritsen, Director of Public Works/Operations Gary Hicks, Finance/Risk Management Director Linda Hollifield, Planning/Economic Development Director Bob Harkrader, Police Chief Mike Gauldin, Police Capt. Mike Williams, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Willets, Utilities Director Steve Shoaf, Director of Recreation and Parks Tony Laws, Information Technologies Director Rodger Burden, Human Resources Director Aaron Noble, Accounting/Treasury Manager Peggy Reece

Media Present: Bob Boyer, Times-News; Tomas Murawski, Alamance News

City Manager Owen stated that the objectives of the work session were to review the preliminary budget recommendations, address questions and issues, and to formulate a final budget proposal to be presented to the City Council on June 5, 2007.

Mr. Owen reviewed the General Fund Budget, the Water and Sewer Budget and the Stormwater projected stormwater rate. He pointed out that preparing the budget was a year-long effort involving City Council, management and supervisory staff and that the management team had done a good job submitting their departments' budgets.

Mr. Owen said that the tax base grew by 3% and that he proposed no tax increase in the General Fund. He said he would be requesting five new staff positions. He said he would be recommending a 4.5% increase in sewer rates and that there was no recommended increase in water rates. He said he would be recommending a 4% market adjustment for employees.

Mr. Owen stated that the proposed budget was balanced and had been put on the City of Burlington's website. He asked Councilmembers to contact staff if there were questions or comments. He said the public hearing to formally consider the budget would be held on June 5, 2007.

ADJOURN:

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Starling, it was resolved unanimously to adjourn.

Jondeen D. Terry
City Clerk